

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the composite laminate sheet ~~or sheet blank~~ is drawn by applying the punch directly to the side of the sheet ~~or the sheet blank~~ that is coated with the adhesive polymer film.

Claim 3 (Withdrawn - Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the composite laminate sheet ~~or sheet blank~~ is drawn by applying the punch directly to the side of the sheet ~~or the sheet blank~~ that is not coated with the adhesive polymer film.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the thickness  $E_a$  of the steel sheet is less than 0.5 mm.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the total thickness  $E_p$  of the adhesive polymer film is greater than 0.2 mm.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the total thickness  $E$  of the composite laminate steel sheet is between 0.3 and 1.2 mm.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the polymer film is directly extruded onto the sheet.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the polymer film is formed before being applied to the steel sheet by hot lamination or by bonding using an adhesive.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the polymer of the adhesive film is a thermoplastic polymer.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is selected from polyolefins, polyesters, polyamides, and blends thereof.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn): The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the polymer is functionalized by grafting with a carboxylic acid or a derivative thereof.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein, before the polymer film is applied to the steel sheet, it undergoes a corona discharge or flame treatment.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the steel sheet is subjected to a prior surface treatment to improve the adhesion of the polymer film to the sheet.

Claims 14-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A method for fabricating a composite laminate part, comprising:

coating at least one side of a steel sheet, of which a thickness  $E_a$  is less than 0.65 mm with one or more adhesive polymer films of which a total thickness  $E_p$  is equal to or greater than 0.1 mm, to form a composite laminate steel sheet having a total thickness  $E$ , according to which  $E = E_a + E_p$ , and

~~optionally, cutting said sheet to form a blank, and then~~

forming by initially drawing the composite laminate sheet ~~or sheet blank~~ to obtain said composite part, the drawing being carried out in a drawing tool comprising a punch, a die, and a blank holder, by adjusting a value of the material passage  $P_m$  between the punch and the die, so that:

$$E - 0.80 \times E_p \leq P_m < E.$$

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in claim ~~[[17]]~~ 21, wherein ~~the sheet is cut to form the sheet blank and~~ the sheet blank has at least one dimension greater than 600 mm.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the composite laminate part is an external automotive body part.

Claim 20 (Canceled).

Claim 21 (New): The method as claimed in claim 17, further comprising:  
after the coating and before the forming, cutting said sheet to form a sheet blank.